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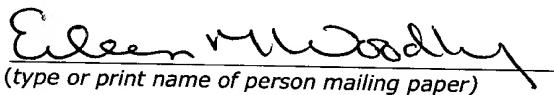
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: M. Endo, et al
Application No.: 09/787,157 Group No.: 1771
Filed: March 14, 2001 Examiner: Chang, V.
For: SURFACE-PROTECTIVE PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE SHEET

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (*check appropriate item(s) below*):

- i. Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. Payment of the issue fee
 - Prior to payment of issue fee
 - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted
- iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145
 - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146

Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
 Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

 A preliminary amendment

 New arguments

 New evidence in support of patentability

 Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Small entity (and status is still as small entity)		\$385.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other than a small entity		\$770.00
Continued Prosecution Request Fee		<u>\$ 770.00</u>

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Addit. Fee OR
Total	Minus 20	= x \$9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
Indep.	Minus 3	= x \$43 = \$	x \$86 = \$0
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim		+ \$140 = \$0	+ \$280 = \$
			Total Addit. Fee \$

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) [] Total additional fee required is \$ _____

EXTENSION OF TIME

(If an extension of time is appropriate complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension for (months)</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>
[] one month	\$ 55	\$110
[] two months	\$ 205	\$410
[] three months	\$ 465	\$930
[] four months	\$725	\$1,450
		Fee \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

WARNING: *The fee for continued examination under Section 1.114 may not be deferred. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(f).*

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$ <u>770.00</u>
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$ _____
Extension of time fee (if any) (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$ _____
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$ <u>770.00</u>

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

[X] Check is attached for the sum of	\$ <u>770.00</u>
[] Charge Account _____ the sum of	\$ _____
[] Charge Credit Card the sum of (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached.)	\$ _____

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or
Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

[X] Account <u>04-1105</u>
[] Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached.)

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

[X] the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
[] fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

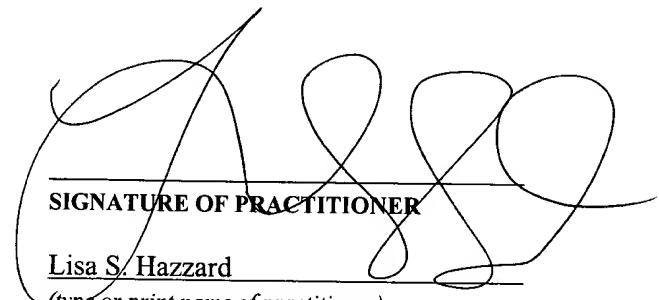
a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48 is/has separately:
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